U.S. Department of Energy Environmental Management Los Alamos Field Office (EM-LA)

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Categorical Exclusion (CX)

Determination Summary Form

Removal, Relocation, and Examination of Remaining Transuranic (TRU) Waste at Waste Control Specialists, LLC (WCS)

REFERENCE

10 CFR Part 1021, Department of Energy National Environmental Policy Act Implementation Procedures, Subpart D, Typical Classes of Actions

SCOPE DESCRIPTION

This action includes planning and engineering activities to define the configuration and integration of the various systems, structures, components, and processes to remove, relocate and temporarily store DOE TRU waste, which is currently located at the WCS facility in Andrews County, Texas. This removal and relocation will be from an underground location to an aboveground facility at the same site (WCS) to be able to conduct inspections and further characterize said waste. These activities include both operational and infrastructure systems consisting of equipment, modifications, and operational elements to provide a comprehensive system for such removal, relocation and examination. The deliverables will serve as the technical basis for the following: facility and operational requirements for removal, relocation and examination; DOE to award optional elements of the task order; and WCS regulators to authorize removal, relocation, and examination. This work element also includes preparation and submittal of a request for authorization from applicable regulatory agencies, including the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality, to conduct this action.

CONCLUSION

The preparation of future final disposition of this TRU waste is categorically excluded from addition documentation under 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, B6.2. This categorical exclusion applies as follows:

B6.2 Waste Collection, treatment, stabilization, and containment facilities

"The siting, construction, and operation of temporary (generally less than 2 years) pilot-scale waste collection and treatment facilities, and pilot-scale (generally less than 1 acre) waste stabilization and containment facilities (including siting, construction, and operation of a small-scale laboratory building or renovation of a room in an existing building for sample analysis), provided that the action (1) Supports remedial investigations/feasibility studies under CERCLA, or similar studies under RCRA (such as RCRA facility investigations/corrective measure studies) or other authorities and (2) would not unduly limit the choice of reasonable remedial alternatives (such as by permanently altering substantial site area or by committing large amounts of funds relative to the scope of the remedial alternatives)."

COMPLIANCE ACTION

I, the EM-LA NEPA Compliance Officer, have determined that the proposed action satisfies the DOE NEPA eligibility criteria and integral elements, does not pose extraordinary circumstances, and meets the requirements for the CX referenced above. Therefore, using the authority delegated to me, I have determined that the proposed action may be categorically excluded from further NEPA review and documentation. For information or questions regarding this Categorical Exclusion, please contact the NEPA Compliance Officer, Jesse Kahler, at jesse.kahler@em.doe.gov.

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